

**Minutes - SFMA**  
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**Mission Statement**

**The Spring-Ford Music Association, Inc. has been organized for the purpose of promoting and supporting the instrumental and vocal music programs of the Spring-Ford Area School District.**

**Officers' Report**

Eric Fretz, Vice President –

- Home Show thank yous to volunteers and committee chairs
- Discuss Costco run for upcoming events

Mike Platchek, Treasurer –

- Program fees due dates
- Expenses and revenue both starting to increase as expected at this point in the season

Dawn Svendson, Asst. Treasurer –

- SPA's for home show book ads and wawa coupon sales have been recorded

Gwen MacDonell, Secretary-

- Remind people to check email. Many are going out each week.
- September meeting minutes approved

**Directors' Report**

Seth Jones – HS Band Director (not in attendance, read by Lisa Corey, President)

- New costumes. Looking for white tuxedo shirts to be donated, possibly from past concerts. Costumes should arrive next week
- High School band plays at Home Show at 8:45
- Thi is the first time for honors band in school
- Limerick Fire Department parade coming up, would like to provide a meal for the students and instructors between the parade and leaving for Boyertown Cavalcade.
- Concert band performance is 12/14 at 7pm

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Middle School is now having Saturday practices
- Home Show meet time is 3pm behind the 9th grade building. Middle School performs at 4:20. Wear band shirts and shorts.
- Limerick Fire Department parade, no busses parents drop off and pick up
- Owen J Roberts show there is bussing, Need HS trailer and T1 reserved
- Halloween parades on 10/25 and 10/26, rain dates
- Jazz Band is all new to the students due to Covid last year

## Danielle Marone – HS Color Guard

- Gearing up for indoor season
- South Brunswick regional has been cancelled
- Saturday Jan 22 is the Spring-Ford Home Show which is also the first indoor competition for the SF winter guard
- MAIN is continuing a full, in-person season
- Outdoor uniforms should arrive around 9/24

## Committee Reports

### Orlando

- Accepted to everything that was applied for, very exciting
- Transportation costs could be increasing due to driver shortages, etc
- Leave from HS via Coach Bus to airport
- Payments 4 & 5 due now, final payments in next two months
- Registration for participants closes Nov 5
- ID is required, not school but government issued
- Meals for students: free breakfast at hotel and one meal voucher each day
- March 13th is bag check and drop off
- Fly out March 16th
- Unsure of all performance schedules, will find out 4-6 weeks prior
- Students MUST be in school the next day after return

### Concessions

- Having some issues getting candy due to store inventory
- Costco pulled their hamburgers completely so using Walmart burgers
- Only has about half of the volunteers that will be needed for the Home Show
- Need substantial clearances to volunteer in concessions

### Fundraising

- Joe Corbi's sold 291 items for a total of over \$6300, pick up for items is 10/13, a Sign Up Genius will go out for help distributing
- 9/26 is clothing drive and mattress sale, all are encouraged to spread the word
- Still working to host a Bag Bingo night
- Linvilla pies and holiday ornaments are coming up soon
- Many dine-outs coming up, we can't raise funds if no one goes so spread the word and be sure to thank the restaurant for their support
- Amazon Smile, easy to use, one of the biggest fundraising profits

### Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Lots of new volunteers and that's wonderful
- Columns are coming together, hedges need to be more "hedgy"
- Trailer will be ready for pick up by 9/27

### Membership/Data

- 69 families in SFMA
- Reminder to everyone that you need to be a member to volunteer

### Chaperones

- Bus captains, manage roll call and bus clean up
- Spending a lot of time checking on clearances for people, reminder to all to check with enough time to get them before the event you want to chaperone

### Apparel

- Fitted 97 band students in 3 days for the new uniforms
- The show specific uniform is for competitions only, traditional uniforms for football games
- Pick up SFMA Gear Store orders at the Home Show

### Home Show

- Ad book was completed 4 days early, very exciting
- Over 100 volunteers scheduled, it is a very big event
- Need extension cords and canopies for the hospitality room to be outdoors
- Upper Dublin was recently hit hard by tornadoes and they considered not coming, they are now still attending, should donations be collected?

### **Old Business**

- Essentials Kits- mostly all students have paid

### **New Business**

- Bands of America is on 10/9 at University of Maryland, long day, will need volunteers